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## County Boards of Health—Organization. County Health Officer—Appointment and Removal. (Act Jan. 28, 1915.)

1. That section 404 of the Compiled Laws of North Dakota for 1913 is hereby amended to read as follows:

"404. There is hereby established county boards of health, composed of a president, vice president, and superintendent; the State's attorney in each county shall be president of the county board; the county superintendent of schools shall be vice president, and the board of county commissioners shall at the first meeting of the board each year appoint a superintendent of public health for the county, who shall be learned in medicine and hold a license to practice medicine and surgery within the State, and the several persons appointed shall hold their offices for one year and until their successors are elected and qualified.

"Provided, however, That whenever the State board of health has reason to believe that the county superintendent of public health is failing to perform his duties as prescribed by law they may report the case to the board of county commissioners, and the latter may, after proper hearing, at their next meeting declare the office vacant, and appoint another physician in his place for the remainder of the unexpired term."

## Hotels, Restaurants, and Lodging Houses—Sanitary Regulation. (Act Feb. 27, 1915.)

1. That section 2984 of the Compiled Laws of 1913 be amended to read as follows:

"2984. Every hotel shall be well drained, constructed and plumbed according to established sanitary principles; shall be kept clean and in a sanitary condition, and free from effluvia arising from any sewer, drain, privy, or other source within control of the owner, manager, agent, or other person in charge; shall be provided with water-closets or privies properly screened, for the separate use of males and females, which water-closets or privies shall be disinfected as often as may be necessary to keep them at all times in a sanitary condition.

"All bedrooms shall be kept free from vermin, and the bedding in use shall be clean and sufficient in quantity and quality; all sheets shall be at least 8 feet in length; each guest shall be furnished with two towels; in case bedrooms are carpeted the carpet or carpets thereon shall be taken up and thoroughly cleaned at least once each vear; no rusted tin or iron vessel or utensil shall be used in cooking food, and all foodstuffs shall be kept in a clean and suitable place, free from dampness and contact with dirty water; the floors, closets, cupboards, and walls of all kitchens shall at all times be kept free from dirt and no dust or grease shall be allowed to collect thereon; a metal container shall be provided to hold ashes where such ashes are stored in or around the hotel building. In all cases where a patient having an infectious or contagious disease has been confined in a hotel room such room shall upon the removal of such patient be closed and fumigated, and upon the completion of such fumigation the certificate of a reputable physician to that fact shall be forwarded to the hotel inspector. In all hotels or lodging houses where 50 cents or more per night is charged for lodging, the sheets and pillow cases shall be changed after the departure of each guest, and within three months after the taking effect of this article it shall be unlawful to have upon a bed of any such hotel or lodging house any mattress of a lower grade than that commonly known to the trade as cotton felt combination; each mattress shall weigh at least 35 pounds unless it be a hair mattress, in which case it shall weigh 30 pounds or more. Each hotel, rooming house or restaurant where 50 cents or more per meal is charged shall keep in its main public washroom individual towels or paper towels in full view and reach of all guests at all hours. Each room shall be properly ventilated by at least one window, and by a doorway leading into the hall. Every hotel and restaurant where rooms are rented to lodgers by the day, by the week, or by the month shall, during the winter months, be equipped with storm windows on hinges in such a way that the storm windows may be opened and closed at will; in lieu of such hinged storm windows the said places may be equipped with windows having slides therein that open and close over an opening of not less than 10 by 10 inches. During the summer months all such hotels, restaurants, and rooming houses shall equip their windows with screens adequate to keep out flies and mosquitoes."